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WHAT I CLAIM IS:

1. A video programme reception method comprising the steps of receiving a video signal and associated audio signal if present, receiving a programme classification code descriptive of said video signal, comparing said code with a pre-selected subset of codes, and according to the result of said comparison, causing an alternative source of video signal to be selected for display.

2. A video programme reception method according to claim 1, wherein the alternative source of video signal originates from a remote transmitter.

3. A video programme reception method according to claim 1, wherein the alternative source of video signal is local to the receiving station.

4. A video programme reception method according to claim 1, including the steps of inputting from the user a personal identity number, comparing said number to a stored number, and if said numbers are equal, permitting the user to alter the response resulting from receipt of various classification codes.

5. A video programme reception method according to claim 4, wherein the alternative source of video signal originates from a source remote to the receiver.

6. A video programme reception method according to claim 4, wherein the alternative source of video signal is local to the receiving station.

7. A video programme reception method according to claim 6, wherein the alternative source of video signal is a local video pattern generator equipped to generate at least a black pattern.

8. A video programme reception method according to claim 1, wherein the programme classification code is encoded into the video component of the programme.

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B ~~10~~ A video programme reception method according to claim 4,
B wherein the programme classification code is encoded into the
B video component of the programme.

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B ~~10~~ A video programme reception method according to claim 1,
B wherein the programme classification code is encoded into the
B audio component of the programme.

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10B ~~11~~ A video programme reception method according to claim 4,
B wherein the programme classification code is encoded into the
B audio component of the programme.

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B ~~12~~ A video programme reception method according to claim 1,
B wherein the programme classification code is not encoded into
B the programme being received but is received from a separate
source.

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B ~~13~~ A video programme reception method according to claim 4,
20B wherein the programme classification code is not encoded into
B the programme being received but is received from a separate
source.

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~~44. A video programme receiver comprising a video signal receiver, a programme classification code receiver, means for comparing received codes with a pre-selected set of codes, and selector means equipped to cause an alternative source of video signal to be selected for display according to the result of said comparison.~~

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B 15. A video programme receiver according to claim 14, wherein the alternative source of video signal originates from a remote transmitter.

B 16. A video programme receiver according to claim 14, wherein the alternative source of video signal is local to the receiving station.

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~~17. A video programme receiver according to claim 14, including means for inputting from the user a personal identity number, means for comparing said number to a stored number, and control means permitting the user to alter the response resulting from receipt of various classification codes only if the compared numbers are equal.~~

B 18. A video programme receiver according to claim 17, wherein the alternative source of video signal originates from a source remote to the receiver.

B 19. A video programme receiver according to claim 17, wherein the alternative source of video signal is local to the receiving station.

B 20. A video programme receiver according to claim 19, wherein the alternative source of video signal is a local video pattern generator equipped to generate at least a black pattern.

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B 21. A video programme receiver according to claim 14, including means for deriving the programme classification code from the video component of the programme.

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B 22. A video programme receiver according to claim 17, including means for deriving the programme classification code from the video component of the programme.

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B 23. A video programme receiver according to claim 14, including means for deriving the programme classification code from the audio component of the programme.

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B 24. A video programme receiver according to claim 17, including means for deriving the programme classification code from the audio component of the programme.

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B 25. A video programme receiver according to claim 14, including means for receiving programme classification code from a source other than the programme being received.

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26. A video programme receiver according to claim 17,
including means for receiving programme classification code
from a source other than the programme being received.

27. A video programme reception method substantially as
herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

28. A video programme receiver substantially as herein
described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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